

## **Medical Marijuana Registry Program Update** **(as of September 30, 2011)**

In the November 2000 general election, Coloradans passed Amendment 20, and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) was tasked with implementing and administering the Medical Marijuana Registry program. In March of 2001, the State of Colorado Board of Health approved the Rules and Regulations pertaining to the administration of the program, and on June 1, 2001, the Registry began accepting and processing applications for registry identification cards.

Statistics of the registry include:

- 157,392 new patient applications have been received to date since the registry began operating in June 2001. The total number of patients who currently possess valid Registry ID cards is 102,592.
- Sixty-eight percent of approved applicants are male.
- The average age of all patients is 41. Currently forty-four patients are minors (under the age of 18).
- Fifty-five percent of patients reside in the Denver-metro area (Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas & Jefferson counties), with the remainder of patients residing in counties throughout Colorado.
- Patients on the registry represent all the debilitating conditions covered under Amendment 20. Severe pain accounts for 94 percent of all reported conditions; muscle spasms account for the second-most reported condition at 18 percent. Note that percentages do not add up to 100 percent because some patients have more than one condition.
- Sixty-three percent of patients have designated a primary care-giver (someone who has significant responsibility for managing the care of a patient with a debilitating medical condition).
- More than 1,000 different physicians have signed for patients in Colorado.

Please see the attached tables for a complete listing of all statistical information.

As of October 27, 2008 all applications, renewals and changes to the registry must be submitted via mail and include a legible photo copy of the patient's Colorado identification. Faxes and emails are not accepted.

No general funds have been designated for this program. The Colorado Constitution authorizes CDPHE to collect fees to cover the costs of administering the program. Currently the fee is \$90, and is evaluated annually by CDPHE. The fee was lowered from \$110 on June 1, 2007.

Table I: County Information

<b>County</b>	<b>Number of Patients</b>	<b>Percent of Patients</b>
Adams	6,897	7%
Alamosa	324	<1%
Arapahoe	9,090	9%
Archuleta	373	<1%
Baca	52	<1%
Bent	41	<1%
Boulder	9,435	9%
Broomfield	1,041	1%
Chaffee	577	1%
Cheyenne	27	<1%
Clear Creek	426	<1%
Conejos	123	<1%
Costilla	154	<1%
Crowley	64	<1%
Custer	96	<1%
Delta	734	1%
Denver	15,148	15%
Dolores	77	<1%

Douglas	3,291	3%
Eagle	1,127	1%
El Paso	12,521	12%
Elbert	334	<1%
Fremont	1,038	1%
Garfield	1,478	1%
Gilpin	383	<1%
Grand	332	<1%
Gunnison	439	<1%
Hinsdale	16	<1%
Huerfano	183	<1%
Jackson	19	<1%
Jefferson	11,269	11%
Kiowa	13	<1%
Kit Carson	55	<1%
La Plata	1,779	2%
Lake	214	<1%
Larimer	6,022	6%
Las Animas	246	<1%
Lincoln	39	<1%
Logan	190	<1%
Mesa	2,874	3%
Mineral	12	<1%
Moffat	218	<1%
Montezuma	631	1%
Montrose	826	1%
Morgan	166	<1%
Otero	188	<1%
Ouray	146	<1%
Park	727	1%
Phillips	25	<1%
Pitkin	764	1%
Prowers	90	<1%
Pueblo	2,520	2%
Rio Blanco	79	<1%
Rio Grande	172	<1%
Routt	984	1%
Saguache	230	<1%
San Juan	32	<1%
San Miguel	489	<1%
Sedgwick	19	<1%
Summit	1,078	1%
Teller	935	1%
Washington	46	<1%
Weld	3,597	4%
Yuma	77	<1%

\* Indicates fewer than three patients in the category

Table II: Conditions

<b>Reported Condition</b>	<b>Number of Patients Reporting Condition</b>	<b>Percent of Patients Reporting Condition**</b>
Cachexia	1,462	1%
Cancer	2,552	2%
Glaucoma	996	1%
HIV/AIDS	588	1%
Muscle Spasms	18,610	18%
Seizures	1,579	2%
Severe Pain	96,326	94%
Severe Nausea	12,468	12%

\*\*Does not add to 100% as some patients report using medical marijuana for more than one debilitating medical condition.

Table III: User Characteristics

<b>Sex</b>	<b>Percent on Registry</b>	<b>Average Age**</b>
Male	68%	40
Female	32%	43

\*\* The overall average age of all patients is 41 years old.